

Library Services and Content Management (LSCM) is pleased to announce the signing of an Interagency Agreement with the Defense Technical Information Service (DTIC) and Old Dominion University (ODU) to begin a 2 year project to use automated metadata extraction software tools to create metadata for groups of electronic documents in GPO's electronic collection. LSCM and ODU will be testing the software tools using a small portion of the material acquired through GPO's Web harvesting pilot project.

LSCM expects to leverage the knowledge acquired through this automated metadata extraction project to:

- evaluate alternative methods of creating metadata for U.S. Government documents,
- investigate cost and staffing implications for using automated tools vs. manual metadata creation methods, and to
- develop detailed requirements and specifications for long-term use of automated metadata extraction tools for Web-harvested content gathered through the capabilities of the Future Digital System (FDsys).

The project kick-off meeting is scheduled for October 18. LSCM will keep the FDLP community informed of the progress of the project through postings to FDLP-L and presentations at upcoming meetings and conferences. If you have questions, please contact: [Laurie B. Hall](#) .